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Title: The Minister of New and Renewable Energy made a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 16th Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on "Small and Mini Hydel Project", pertaining to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): Madam, I beg to lay the statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 16th Report of the Standing Committee on Energy in pursuance of the direction 73 A of the Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha vide LokSabha Bulletin-Part-ll dated 1 September 2004.

2. The 16th Report of the Standing Committee on Energy was presented to the Lok Sabha on 18th March 2011. The Report relates to Examination of the subject "Small and Mini Hydel Projects" of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

3. Action Taken Statement on the recommendations / observations contained in the 16th Report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Energy on 14th June 2011.

4. There are 12 recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations pertain mainly to issues like potential of small hydro in the country, implementation of the programme during 11th Plan, financing, policy issues, micro hydel and watermills.

5. The present status of implementation of various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement, which is laid on the Table of the House. 1 would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out the contents of this Annexure. 1 would request that these may please be considered as read.

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